

## **e-Child Care Update**

The e-Child Care Project is under way and guided by the goal of leveraging today's advanced technologies to simplify processes like enrollment, attendance tracking, and payment processing for the child care subsidy program - specifically Working Connections Child Care. It should also improve program integrity. Meeting this goal will have a positive impact on child care subsidy consumers, providers, workers, and licensors.

The Division of Child Care and Early Learning (DCCEL) and its project partners are well into the Planning Phase of the e-Child Care Project. There have been several key tasks accomplished during this phase, including:

- The selection of MTG Management Consultants to conduct a feasibility study and prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the system development
- Data collection through a variety of methods including focus groups and small meetings to develop user requirements
- A draft document that provides a baseline analysis and a thorough needs assessment
- Suggested policy changes that may take effect prior to the completion of the project
- The rollout of Internet web-pages specific to the e-Child Care project.

To find out more about the e-Child Care Project, visit the project website at <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/dccel/echildcare.shtml>

While there, find up-to-date information on the project and send DCCEL your comments and questions. We look forward to your visit!